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# The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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## Village Parking

We have all seen notices from NCC describing the new parking regulations for the village. The problem is that we are still trying to work out what they mean and how they differ from the existing regulations!

The Parish Clerk has asked NCC for clarification, but what is certain is that from Tuesday, 1 June our local police are going to be more active against inconsiderate and illegal parking in villages like Alnmouth and Craster.

They have advised that they will be issuing warning notices or parking tickets to motorists who obstruct the footpaths by parking with two wheels on the pavement or who park on the double yellow lines.



## Alnmouth Arts Festival

This year's festival has attracted a record number of exhibitors with more than 100 artists, craftspeople and photographers displaying their work.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the event, for example, setting up venues and selling Tour Guides.

***If you can help, please contact Barbara Aitchison (830107), Bill Bourne (830530) or Hilary Burns (830050).***

## Alnmouth in Bloom

It has been suggested that we could have more floral displays in the village during the Spring and Summer. The Parish Council provides some as do many private individuals and businesses. However if we were to have a more extended and co-ordinated programme it would be beyond the current resources of the Parish Council.

If there was sufficient interest, one way forward might be an "Alnmouth in Bloom" committee working along the lines of our extremely successful Christmas Lights Committee.

***If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Council.***

## Pavement Repairs

These were supposed to start in the Spring, but the latest news from NCC is that they will begin re-laying the pavements on 6 September, finishing on 25 September.

At least they have avoided the busiest part of the Summer and the Arts Festival Weekend!

## Children's Playground

The Spring Chicken ride finally collapsed due to metal fatigue and is being replaced by a Spring Motorbike, while the Climbing Web has similarly had its day and is being replaced. The work will be completed very soon. As the worn surfaces have also been renewed with better materials, our playground is once more looking good in time for the Summer.

## Alnmouth Organisations and Activities

### Alnmouth Parish Council

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in HH

### St John the Baptist Church

Services 9.15am, first three Sundays of the month.

(Peter Annett 830086)

### Alnmouth Women's Institute

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in HH.

(Pam Muggleton 830315)

[www.alnmouthwi.co.uk](http://www.alnmouthwi.co.uk)

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in HH.

(Alistair Sinton 830784 or Audrey McKane 830809)

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Meets monthly in the Hope & Anchor.

(Barbara Aitchison 830107)

See exhibition in H&A.

### Alnmouth Local History Group

(Fred Bettess 830638)

### Brownies

Meets Tuesdays in HH.  
(Sue Jackson 830142)

### Yoga and Yoga Bugs

(Claire Lang 581434)

### Chapel Art Group

Meets weekly in the Old Methodist Chapel on Thursday mornings.

### Alnmouth Youth Club

Meets Fridays from 5 - 7pm in the Old Methodist Chapel.

Ages 8 - 12.

### River Aln Boat Club

Dinghy Racing every second Sunday.

(George Ternent 830444)

**To hire the Hindmarsh Hall contact Jean Cullen (830501)**

## Alnmouth Parish Council Open Meeting

The meeting took place on Monday 10 May in the Hindmarsh Hall. Most of the major topics discussed feature elsewhere in this Newsletter (Parking and Alnmouth in Bloom).

The other key topic was Dog Fouling which both the Parish Council and the attendees took very seriously. The PC is to look at improving the warning notices in the village. In the meantime people are reminded that the NCC Dog Warden, **Andrea Cowans (07754 848 074)** will prosecute offenders and the law allows for fines of up to **£1,000**.



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£50



£1,000 (Correct)

## The Ladies of Alnmouth WI Need Your Support

Alnmouth is a member of the Hotspur Group of seven WIs in the Alnmouth District. They have challenged each other to a sandcastle building competition. It starts at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 16 June, on Alnmouth beach.

***Come along and cheer Alnmouth's teams and join in the fun!***

## Car Park Attendants

The Burgage Holders wish to thank all those who applied for the above positions which have now been filled.

## Blast from the Past!

The advert for Car Park Attendants in Issue 5 prompted ex-resident, Neil Cameron, to contact the Newsletter. Neil, now residing in Staffordshire, lived in Seabank from 1967 to 1976. He recalls, "In 1971, as a 15 year-old, I worked each Saturday through the Summer collecting the fees by the well next to the golf course. The going rate then was £1.50 a day! When boredom took over and the cars (which were far fewer then) thinned out, I would entertain myself by throwing small stones at the black circle left by the village bonfire." He adds, "Thanks for the Newsletter, it's a great way for ex-pats to keep abreast of village life."

Thank you, Neil

## And looking ahead.....

Diane, from Sheffield, contacted the Newsletter asking if the date for the Christmas lights switch-on had been set.

Diane says, "We visit Alnmouth twice a year and last year it was nice to be part of a community event like that, it got us in the Christmas mood. We are holding off making our booking until we know the date."

Well, Diane, make your booking, you'll be welcome in Alnmouth again this year on Saturday, 27 November!

The above two items made us wonder where in the UK, and indeed the World, does the Newsletter reach and is it being read by ex-pats, like Neil, or visitors, like Diane, or.....?

Do you think you are the most far-flung reader? We'd love to hear from you.

(Sorry no prizes! Ed)

## JUNE

### Alnmouth Local History Group

Wed, 2 June at 2pm in HH.

Talk & Walk by Adrian Osler, "Schooners and Seamen of Alnmouth", followed by light refreshments – Entry £1.50, children free. Walk at 3.30pm

### Alnmouth WI

Mon. 7 June at 7pm in HH.

Eldon Robson, "The Pop Business." New members/guests welcome.

### Alnmouth Autumn Club

Wed, 8 June. Depart at 10.30am for Walton Manor House.

### River Aln Boat Club

Dinghy Races, Sun 13 and 27 June at 4pm. (13 June race followed by BBQ at 5.30pm)

### Alnmouth WI

Are taking part in a Sand Castle building competition, Wed, 16 June at 5.30pm

### Alnmouth Camera Group

Thurs, 17 June at 7pm in the Hope & Anchor. Topic: "Arts Festival Exhibition."

### Alnmouth Arts Festival

Sat, 26 and Sun, 27 June.

Go to:

[www.alnmouthartsfestival.com](http://www.alnmouthartsfestival.com)

## Diary Dates

### Hindmarsh Hall AGM

Wed, 21 July at 7pm in HH.

The Management Committee are looking for new members.

(Further details in July issue)

### Alnmouth Raft Race

Sat, 21 August

### Alnmouth Local History Group

Coffee Morning, Sat, 23 Oct

### Alnmouth Christmas Lights

Switch-on at 4.30pm on Sat, 27 Nov.

### Promote Your Event

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